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BEFORE ARNOLD BROWER, JR., HEARING OFFICER

NPR-A Coordinator

North Slope Borough

Assembly Chambers

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PANEL:

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Translator

P R O C E E D I N G S

(On record; 7:00 p.m.)

MR. BROWER: Good evening. It is now 7:05 p.m., five minutes past the appointed time to start and I would like to call this hearing to order. My name is Arnold Brower, Jr., and I am tonight's hearing officer. This hearing is being held for the purpose of providing you an opportunity to make oral comments to the Bureau of Land Management's Alpine Satellite Development Plan Environmental Impact Statement and the related ANILCA 810 Subsistence Evaluation and Findings.

Unlike the open house, this is a formal hearing and as such we will not be entertaining questions; however, several individuals from BLM and the cooperating agencies in this EIS are here. They will be able -- available to answer questions after the meeting, if time allows. At this time, I would like to turn the floor over briefly to Jim Ducker and Gary Foreman to tell you something about where we are in the development of the EIS. Jim?

MR. DUCKER: Thank you, Arnold. My name is Jim Ducker and I'm with BLM, the lead agency on this effort. With me tonight are several other BLM employees. I'm not going to introduce all of them. There are also a couple of people from EPA, which is one of our cooperating agencies, and the State of Alaska has a representative.

MR. HOBSON: Before you go, I have a question I'd

1 like -- I want to ask Arnold. Are we going to be speaking only
2 if time allowed? And if there is no time, so why are we here?
3 Just to listen to you?

4 MR. BROWER: No, the questions -- the correct -- the
5 questions you ask will be taken after the hearing. That's what
6 I said.

7 MR. DUCKER: And we have our contractor here as well.
8 The DEIS is analyzing the impacts of a proposal that has been
9 submitted by ConocoPhillips to develop five new drilling pads
10 near Alpine Facility. We have developed four alternatives, one
11 being ConocoPhillips' proposal and three alternatives that
12 would develop the oilfield in different ways. They are
13 summarized in the newsletter that was distributed to you at the
14 door and we have other documents here that you can review and
15 you can contact us to get additional documents. Information on
16 that is in the newsletter.

17 I wanted to also point to the schedule. We are -- we
18 were here for public scoping in March. We have developed the
19 Draft EIS which is on the table and available on the Internet,
20 and we are now having our public meetings. Comments, written
21 or -- written comments can be sent to us through March 1st,
22 which is the end of the comment period, and we urge you to do
23 that with -- we look forward to hearing your comments to
24 improve our document and to ultimately come up with a better --
25 a good decision. We do not have a preferred alternative in the

1 Draft EIS.

2 And at this point, though, I want to turn it over so
3 that you folks can talk, and I'm going to turn this over --
4 back to Arnold Brower, who I thank for preside -- acting as the
5 presiding officer. Thank you.

6 MR. BROWER: Thank you, Jim. Thanks for that
7 presentation. Additional information on the DEIS is available
8 at the sign-in table. The Draft EIS is available on the
9 Internet at Alpine-Satellite-EIS.com. All comments provided to
10 BLM and its contractor will be compiled, analyzed, and
11 considered by the BLM and the cooperating agencies in preparing
12 the Final EIS and Final ANILCA 810 Subsistence Finding. These
13 are scheduled for release in July.

14 In addition to speaking tonight or filling out one of
15 the comment forms provided at the sign-in table, comments can
16 be provided through the Web site or by mailing them to ENTRIX
17 at 3701 East Tudor Road, Suite 208, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.
18 The Web site and ENTRIX's addresses are listed in the
19 newsletter. The deadline for submitting comments is March 1,
20 2004.

21 This hearing is one of the series -- one of a series
22 being conducted to obtain the public's comments. In addition
23 to tonight's meeting, meetings are being held at, besides
24 Barrow, Nuiqsut, Atqasuk, Anaktuvuk Pass, Fairbanks, and
25 Anchorage. So that we accurately record your comments tonight,

1 I will call the names of those who have indicated they wish to
2 speak and invite you to come up to the microphone. You will
3 then state your name, state the organization you represent, if
4 any, and then make your comments. If you have written
5 comments, I will ask you to provide them to the person at the
6 table located right here and they will be included as part of
7 the record of this hearing. I will ask each speaker to limit
8 comments to five minutes. If you reach the time limit, I will
9 ask you for a summary of your comments and then request that
10 you step down to let others speak. Then, when we complete the
11 list of people wishing to speak, and if time allows, I may
12 offer you another opportunity to speak as well and ask if there
13 any others who wish to comment.

14 Before we begin to take comments, I would like to
15 stress that our meeting tonight is specifically to hear
16 comments and concerns related to the Alpine Satellite
17 Development Plan and the 810 ANILCA finding in it. Your
18 comments will serve several purposes: they will tell us if we
19 have correctly identified the resources of the area; uses of
20 these lands; and the potential effects of the different
21 alternatives in the DEIS. You can suggest other alternatives
22 that would reduce or eliminate effects on lands and resources
23 needed for subsistence purposes. You can also tell us if the
24 proposed subsistence findings in the Draft EIS are accurate and
25 whether we have left anything out of our subsistence

1 evaluation.

2 As we begin now to take comments, I request that the
3 audience be considerate of the speaker and give him or her the
4 courtesy of your attention. Then, I'll call on the first
5 person to speak from the list that have signed up. Are these
6 the.....

7 COURT REPORTER: This one.

8 MR. BROWER: Okay. As marked. Okay. I've been told
9 that we do have a translator. Is she here?

10 MS. MONGOYAK: I'm right here.

11 MR. BROWER: Oh, hi, Emma.

12 (General laughter)

13 MR. BROWER: It's my glasses. They're brand new. The
14 first person I have on the list is Mark Ireland. Is he here?

15 MR. IRELAND: Yes.

16 MR. BROWER: All right.

17 MR. IRELAND: Thank you, Arnold. Is this microphone
18 on?

19 MR. BROWER: Will anybody need translation for these --
20 I don't see anybody that might require us -- okay. We'll -- as
21 they come in, we'll -- are you all right, William? Okay. Go
22 ahead, Mark.

23 MR. IRELAND: Thank you, Arnold. I would also like to
24 thank everyone in attendance, especially the Barrow residents
25 here and the BLM for giving me this opportunity to speak.

1 Good evening. My name is Mark Ireland. I'm the
2 ConocoPhillips Alaska Development manager for the western North
3 Slope. That area includes the five Alpine Satellite
4 developments that we're speaking about this evening as well as
5 the Alpine Field.

6 ConocoPhillips is the largest producer of oil and gas
7 in Alaska. We're also the largest holder of leases; that
8 includes the state, federal, and Native corporation leases, and
9 we're also the most active explorer. I'm pleased to have this
10 opportunity to voice ConocoPhillips' support for the
11 Alternative A for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for
12 the Alpine Satellites Development Plan. I believe Alternative
13 A represents a balance among environmental concerns, geology,
14 and respect for the subsistence way of life of the Native
15 people.

16 ConocoPhillips has a proven track record on Alaska's
17 North Slope in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The
18 Alpine Satellite Development project has been designed using
19 the best practices and technologies learned over 30 years of
20 Arctic development experience. It's also been designed in a
21 way that minimizes the environmental impact and the size of our
22 footprint as well as preserves the Arctic environment for the
23 wildlife and, most importantly, for the people who live here.
24 Our project design already voluntarily incorporates more than
25 80 mitigation measures. These measures include everything from

1 consultation with local residents on subsistence issues to
2 waste minimization efforts and a constant vigilance to reduce
3 the size of our footprint.

4 The entire area impacted by these five satellites
5 compared to the total area studied in this EIS is equal to
6 3/100 of a percent. ConocoPhillips has proven that we can work
7 closely with our neighbors and operate in a way which respects
8 their subsistence way of life. This dialogue takes constant
9 effort on both parts. Together we must look for approaches to
10 development that support the way of life for the residents of
11 the North Slope. Residents of the North Slope Borough have
12 benefited from oil industry revenues through improvements to
13 their schools, infrastructure, and communities. Last year the
14 North Slope Borough collected nearly 200 million dollars from
15 the industry. In addition, about 50 million dollars in NPR-A
16 impact funds from the sale of leases have been distributed to
17 the North Slope communities. The estimated state, Native, and
18 federal revenue from the Alpine Satellite Development Plan
19 cited in the Draft EIS totals nearly 600 million dollars.
20 Residents of the North Slope Borough villages will also benefit
21 from this development through part-time seasonal and full-time
22 employment opportunities. The satellite development project
23 would generate 3.7 million manhours of work. This would be
24 spread over six to seven years of the project time, employing
25 an average of about 270 people per year. This would also

1 create opportunities for Alaska Native corporations, such as
2 ASRC.

3 ConocoPhillips is also committed to developing future
4 opportunities through projects like the Rural Student Mentor
5 Program. Once implemented, this program will reach all the
6 North Slope schools and give students the opportunity to learn
7 about vocation and traditional occupations. ConocoPhillips has
8 and will continue to support the ongoing studies of
9 environmental, economic, and cultural issues. We are committed
10 to working with the North Slope residents to ensure all
11 development happens in a way that respects their heritage and
12 subsistence way of life.

13 Who in the audience tonight believes that there is
14 already enough investment in the state? Clearly, continued
15 investment on the North Slope will benefit everyone who lives
16 in Alaska through state and local revenues, better jobs, and
17 better schools for our children. Oil and gas development in
18 the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska will have economic
19 benefits for Alaska, the Native people, and the nation.
20 ConocoPhillips is committed to doing our very best to maintain
21 our production levels for the foreseeable future, but we can't
22 do it without projects like this.

23 In conclusion, I strongly urge the BLM and the North
24 Slope Borough to support Alternative A and find it is in the
25 best interest of development for the residents of Alaska and

1 for the nation, to bring about the first commercial oil
2 production from the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Thank
3 you.

4 MR. BROWER: Thank you, Mark. Did you need his written
5 comments or.....

6 COURT REPORTER: If he wants to turn them in, I'll take
7 them.

8 MR. BROWER: Mark, do you have extra copies of your
9 comments for.....

10 MR. IRELAND: Uh.....

11 COURT REPORTER: If not, that's okay. It'll be in the
12 transcript.

13 MR. BROWER: That's all right. All right.

14 MR. IRELAND: It'll be hard to read them. I may have
15 even ad-libbed a little bit.

16 MR. BROWER: Thank you. Okay. The next person I have
17 marked here for testimony or comments is Geoff Carroll.

18 MR. GEOFF CARROLL: Okay. I'd like to thank BLM for
19 coming up here and hearing what we have to say, and everybody
20 else for coming up here on such a stormy day.

21 My name is Geoff Carroll. I work for the Alaska
22 Department of Fish and Game, and I have a bit of a sore throat
23 and I'm going to try to get through this before I croak, but
24 I'll do my best.

25 There are several items in the ConocoPhillips plan that

1 are quite alarming to me. One concern is to see so many
2 facilities especially when the potential sites for the
3 full-field development are considered in the Colville River
4 Delta. This area is an extremely productive area for waterfowl
5 and fish and is a very important subsistence area. The
6 facilities for CD-1, 2, and 3 appear to be very -- located very
7 close to river channels and other bodies of water and should be
8 moved away from the channels if at all possible. It seems very
9 likely with as much development as is planned, particularly
10 again in that full-field development scenario so close to water
11 bodies, that eventually there's going to be a spill and that's
12 going to very damaging to wildlife and subsistence hunting in
13 that delta area.

14 Another part of the plan that jumped out at me is
15 ConocoPhillips' intention to place the CD-6 production pad
16 within the Fish Creek buffer area. In addition to the
17 production pad placement, they plan to run the access road and
18 pipelines nearly the entire length of the buffer zone. This
19 seems very objectionable and unnecessary for many reasons. I'm
20 sure you know the history of the buffer zone, but when BLM came
21 to the North Slope in '97 and '98, you said you wanted to
22 manage the land so that petroleum could be developed and people
23 could still use the land for subsistence activities. The
24 people from Nuiqsut compromised and agreed to a plan where most
25 of the area was open for oil development, but a relatively

1 small area around Fish Creek, which Nuiqsut people use
2 extensively for hunting, fishing, and camping, was established
3 as a buffer zone where permanent oil structures were
4 prohibited. People wanted the buffer zone to avoid damage to
5 subsistence resources and minimize disturbance to people in
6 subsistence camps along Fish Creek. Now the first time
7 development is proposed to take place in NPR-A, the oil
8 industry wants to put oil structures, a pipeline, and a road in
9 the one area where people asked for special protection because
10 it's more convenient for the oil industry for their -- for
11 their development.

12 If this violation of the buffer zone is allowed, it
13 will make a very poor statement about the BLM public process.
14 In fact, it will make people wonder why we bother with the
15 process at all. As I have said, the Nuiqsut people compromised
16 a lot and agreed to have only a small percentage of the land in
17 Northeast NPR-A protected from development and now in the first
18 development proposal for the area, ConocoPhillips wants to put
19 a development facility, its access road, and pipelines in the
20 limited area that Nuiqsut asked to be protected.

21 In addition to the negative impacts that open in the
22 Fish Creek buffer zone would have on Nuiqsut subsistence
23 resources and camps, it would establish a very damaging
24 precedent for the future NPR-A development. In Northwest
25 NPR-A, people felt that it was very important to have setbacks

1 along major rivers and other water bodies to protect their
2 subsistence resources and subsistence camps. Do these buffers
3 only apply until someone finds a petroleum deposit that is more
4 conveniently developed by violating the established setbacks?
5 In Northeast NPR-A, there are currently areas where there is
6 special protection because they are crucial habitat areas for
7 caribou and geese. Will these protections only apply until oil
8 deposits are discovered? It will be very interesting to see
9 what decision BLM makes on the Fish Creek buffer zone.
10 Personally, I'll lose a lot of faith in the system if the
11 buffer zone is violated.

12 I must admit that when I receive an EIS that is the
13 size of this plan, I don't read it cover to cover, but I do
14 read the sections that address caribou and I find -- and I
15 found several errors in this section of the report. One
16 example is the statement on page 399 under "Migration." The
17 authors state that after calving, the caribou spread to the
18 east, west, and south. That's not true and could have been
19 easily ascertained by reading a caribou management report or
20 even looking at the maps in Volume II of this report that were
21 made from satellite collar information in a joint project
22 between the North Slope Borough Fish and Game and BLM.

23 Actually, after calving most of the herd moves to the
24 north -- the area north of Teshekpuk Lake, with most of the
25 cows with calves moving through a narrow migration corridor

1 east of the lake. One thing that particularly irritates me
2 about this is that I was asked to read through the preliminary
3 draft version of this document and make comments. I read
4 through the caribou section and pointed out several changes
5 that should be made to make the document more accurate. These
6 edits were sent to BLM, but none of the needed changes were
7 made in this document. I'm a busy person and really don't have
8 time to waste, so I resent it when I take the time to make
9 comments and they're ignored. The fact that there are
10 inaccuracies in the caribou section makes me wonder about the
11 accuracy of the rest of the document. In my written comments
12 I'll go into more detail on changes that should be made and
13 expect them to be incorporated next time.

14 Of the alternative options given, I would favor a
15 combination of Alternative B and Alternative D. I favor most
16 of the provisions of Alternative B because it complies with the
17 agreements made in the 1998 plan. These are the conditions
18 that the oil companies agreed to when they bought the leases.
19 Alternative B is the only one of the alternatives given that
20 would not violate the Fish Creek buffer zone. Alternative B
21 has some gravel roads, but at least the road is not connected
22 to areas outside NPR-A so traffic would be much reduced. Any
23 road that connects NPR-A to the outside industrialized area
24 will result in a tremendous amount of traffic and will do more
25 to impact the area than almost anything else that is done.

1 I would also support aspects of Alternative D. I would
2 support using horizontal directional drilling in lieu of a
3 pipeline bridge. Any bridge across the channel of the Colville
4 River is dangerous because of the tremendous power of this
5 river when it is flooding. I've seen the bridge across the
6 Kuparuk River wash out several times and know that the Colville
7 River is much more powerful than the Kuparuk. Building a
8 bridge across the Nigliq Channel, especially if it is built at
9 the site proposed by ConocoPhillips, would interfere with
10 subsistence fishing sites. I support above-ground pipelines
11 being at least seven feet above the ground and that powerlines
12 be either enclosed in cable trays mounted on VSMs or buried.
13 Any roads that are built should be open to industry and local
14 residents only.

15 I appreciate it that you are honest enough to include
16 the full-field development plans. It is very informative to
17 see what this area will probably look like in the future if
18 these plans are carried out; however, most of them look like a
19 nightmare come true. It is easy to picture, as this network of
20 development works west, the entire coastal area of the North
21 Slope being one big industrial park. If the planned area is
22 developed as heavily as is pictured in the proposed map, it
23 will mean that another very large area that is a very important
24 subsistence area for Nuiqsut will be so over-developed that it
25 will be essentially useless for anything but petroleum

1 development. That much development with production pads,
2 roads, and pipelines will affect caribou movements in a way
3 that will probably be detrimental to subsistence hunters. It
4 will become like the Kuparuk area where people seldom go for
5 subsistence purposes because of development in that area.
6 Nuiqsut is completely surrounded and is running out of places
7 to go for subsistence activities.

8 It is very important to consult with the residents of
9 Nuiqsut on all aspects of this plan. Their knowledge about
10 such things as the best place to locate bridges to avoid flood
11 damage and minimize interference with subsistence activities is
12 crucial. They also need to be consulted on pipeline placement
13 and configuration. Remember that you have made many promises
14 to them on how the impacts of development would be mitigated
15 and you need to honor those promises.

16 In summary, full-field development plans for the
17 Colville River Delta area should be reduced and production
18 facilities and other development structures should be moved
19 away from river channels and other water bodies wherever
20 possible. The Fish Creek buffer zone should not be violated.
21 The areas in the caribou section of the report should be
22 corrected. The best alternative would be a combination of
23 Alternatives B and D that would minimize the number of roads,
24 would not violate the Fish Creek buffer zone, eliminate the
25 need for a bridge across the Nigliq Channel, and would avoid

1 overhead powerlines. Finally, it is very important to listen
2 and use the knowledge of people from Nuiqsut, honor the
3 promises that you have made to them, and minimize the impacts
4 of development as much as possible. Thank you.

5 MR. BROWER: Okay. Geoff, thank you. In your
6 presentation, do you have that Alternative -- between those two
7 alternatives, is there any map or something to indicate their
8 preferred.....

9 MR. CARROLL: Well, I think just as I stated, kind of
10 a combination of the two, and I'll have written.....

11 MR. BROWER: Okay.

12 MR. CARROLL: More extensive written comments later.
13 This is kind of a summary of what I said, but I'll go into a
14 lot more detail in corrections in the EIS and things like that,
15 so.....

16 MR. BROWER: Okay. Thank you. Is there another list
17 out there? Okay. I have two questionables, whether they want
18 to speak or not is George Olemaun -- did you have a comment?
19 George, go ahead.

20 MR. GEORGE OLEMAUN: George Olemaun, for the record. I
21 thought it was just for information meeting. I thought --
22 didn't realize that when I put my name there that I was going
23 to be commenting on it, but I do appreciate what Geoff Carroll
24 said and that it would be a better -- I guess a better route.
25 But I do have a -- well, on your BLM Alternative B,

1 specifically the stipulation to BLM's 1998 plan, I know you had
2 a draft amendment for that and that it was brought up here I
3 believe last week and I've been trying to go through that, but
4 I was just wondering why they didn't include -- why it's
5 stipulations in '98 when its draft is coming -- or they're
6 doing a draft amendment to the '98 plan.

7 As I said, on the one I would -- the one thing that I
8 would say on this is the impact it would have on the -- I know
9 this was mentioned previous, to the social and economic impact
10 on the people, involvement to subsistence, but the way of life
11 that we've known and I think that was something that was
12 mentioned previously and I just want to put that out again.

13 MR. BROWER: It's a general support of Geoff Carroll's
14 statements and the question on why the stipulations in the '98
15 plan are dropped from this EIS. And the next question I have
16 is Marie.

17 MS. MARIE CARROLL: Good evening.

18 MR. BROWER: Good evening.

19 MS. CARROLL: And welcome to Barrow. My name is Marie
20 Carroll. I'm here because I've been very interested in the oil
21 and gas activity for many years and have been involved in the
22 development of the areas that are identified as buffer zones in
23 my previous job working with the North Slope Borough. And I
24 just would like to emphasize how much work was put into
25 developing the buffer zone for Judy Creek and the effort that

1 was put into it from the planning department from the North
2 Slope Borough, the staff in the mayor's office and in
3 coordination with the villages in Nuiqsut, Atqasuk, Barrow.
4 There was a lot of time and effort put into it.

5 We listened, the North Slope Borough, at the time and
6 they've listened to the concerns of the people and this buffer
7 zone was agreed upon through that process, working with
8 wildlife biologists and the people in Nuiqsut and -- because
9 subsistence is so important to them. And in listening to
10 people from Nuiqsut, they said, you know, we're completely --
11 getting completely surrounded by oil and gas development and
12 there's a few places we want to have protected, it's -- and
13 they identified Fish Creek area as very critical and important
14 to their subsistence hunting.

15 And I'm also -- I guess I'm also concerned, every once
16 in awhile I hear about fish, problems with fish populations and
17 I've gone through the experience of reduced caribou hunting
18 options in the past in the mid seventies, and it's very
19 discouraging, especially when you're depending on the fish and
20 that meat to make ends meet for your family.

21 And so I just would like to stress that these buffer
22 zones are critical and, if at all possible, I agree with my
23 husband, Geoff Carroll, on that, that they should be protected;
24 that there was quite a bit of compromise. They wanted more of
25 the area protected at the time. They didn't want to see any

1 oil wells or roads or anything like that in view of their
2 hunting camps because when you're out there hunting and there
3 is disturbance from traffic, boats, or whatever traffic that
4 goes by, it does impact your hunting opportunities. And they
5 said at a minimum, we need that three -- the buffer zone that
6 we've recommended to you, and it was a major compromise. And
7 so that's just my concerns with the activity.

8 I really don't have any preferences myself and it
9 would -- my preference would be not to see encroachment on my
10 fellow Inupiak in Nuiqsut who don't have very many places to go
11 anymore and any -- but I also understand that there is economic
12 opportunity for the North Slope here, but at the minimum, I
13 think those buffer zones should be respected. Thank you.

14 MR. BROWER: Thank you, Marie. Okay. These -- I've
15 already called those ones that marked themselves that wanted to
16 speak, so we'll -- anybody else that wants to comment on here
17 can do so. Just mark "yes" on the line where you -- that's the
18 list that I'm going by. If you signed in and marked "yes,"
19 those are the ones that I'm going by first and then when we've
20 exhausted that, then we'll open it up for -- we can go by the
21 list and then see if there are others.

22 COURT REPORTER: He said he does want to speak here.

23 MR. BROWER: All right. Charles Hopson?

24 MR. CHARLES F. HOPSON: Hi. My name is Charles Hopson
25 from Barrow. H-o-p-s-o-n. Some years back, we had these

1 meetings putting buffer zones in all our hunting areas in the
2 North Slope. One of them was to Fish Creek and one of them --
3 well, a lot of them, you know, Geoff said all the stuff I was
4 going to mention, but these are the things that we agreed on;
5 these are the stuff that we should honor. If BLM agreed with
6 all of this, we're going to put these buffer zones in there,
7 this is the time to honor what we talked about some years back
8 and not double-cross the people.

9 I think if you let -- I'm all for development. They
10 can develop that area as much as they want, but we have to
11 honor the buffer zones that we put in place. BLM agreed; the
12 people agreed. We have to honor these things at their request.
13 We're going to be a bunch of hypocrites and liars if we put --
14 start putting stuff in the buffer zones that we agreed not to
15 in the years.

16 We worked hard, very hard with these and we agreed. I
17 mean we disagreed and agreed and if you let these guys develop
18 in the buffer zone, there is no stopping you or anybody for
19 developing the Teshekpuk area. You'll be breaking all these
20 things. We don't want to set an example, a precedent of what
21 might happen. This is not the place to start breaking what we
22 agreed on, the buffer zones. Thank you.

23 MR. BROWER: Thank you, Charlie. Charles, your middle
24 name was "F," right? Charles F.? Okay. That's Charles F.

25 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

1 MR. HOPSON: You want to know my Eskimo name?

2 MR. BROWER: Yeah.

3 MR. HOPSON: My Eskimo name is Jones.

4 (General laughter)

5 MR. BROWER: The recording did not pick that up. All
6 right. At this time, we've completed or exhausted those ones
7 that did circle that wished to testify. And then we'll open
8 this now for those others that may wish to comment on this
9 commenting period. Are there any others that want to speak?

10 (Pause) Okay. Jim?

11 MR. DUCKER: I would just like to thank everybody who
12 came and who spoke tonight, and I was planning on staying here
13 longer. So I can stay here longer and we can look over maps
14 and such after we adjourn the comment period, and I'll be glad
15 to do that.

16 MR. BROWER: I want to reinstate -- or restate what we
17 said earlier. You can look this up on the Web site and the
18 comment period is still open. You can send these -- you can do
19 yours on the Internet or send them in to the BLM office at --
20 or mail them to ENTRIX, E-N-T-R-I-X. ENTRIX is the contractor
21 and their address is at 3701 East Tudor Road, Suite 208,
22 Anchorage, Alaska 99507, and ENTRIX's address is also listed in
23 the newsletter. And the deadline for these comments is
24 March 1, 2004. We will be having other meetings beginning
25 tomorrow at Nuiqsut and then go to Atqasuk and Anaktuvuk Pass

1 and other meetings will be conducted in Fairbanks and
2 Anchorage.

3 So I want to thank those that did make their -- submit
4 their comments and encourage the rest that didn't submit their
5 comments tonight or do their comments tonight to do those
6 things before the deadline to ENTRIX's office or Jim Ducker's
7 office or to my office or I can send them to ENTRIX or the BLM.
8 My office is upstairs at the mayor's office. I'm the NPR-A
9 coordinator as a cooperating agency with BLM on NPR-A issues.
10 Again, my name is Arnold Brower, Jr., if you don't know that.

11 So we'll just state one more time, are there anybody
12 else that wants to make their comments tonight? (Pause) If
13 not, then we can -- if there are questions or something that
14 you want to -- if you don't understand, then, maybe our -- the
15 BLM.....

16 MR. DUCKER: We can adjourn the meeting and we can --
17 we'll stick around and kind of continue the open house after
18 the meeting.

19 MR. BROWER: All right. That's -- I think that's a
20 better idea, so that those of you that do not understand what's
21 going on, to do your comments, we'll -- they'll stick around or
22 we'll stick around and entertain questions. And then at this
23 time, I will close the public hearing as a hearing officer at
24 the shortest public hearing I've conducted, is 7:46 p.m. This
25 hearing is now closed.

1 MR. DUCKER: Thank you.

2 (Off record)

3 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
) ss.

STATE OF ALASKA)

I, Elizabeth D'Amour, Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, residing at Fairbanks, Alaska, and court reporter for Liz D'Amour & Associates, Inc., do hereby certify:

That the annexed and foregoing ALPINE SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, PUBLIC MEETING PROCEEDINGS was taken before me on the 9th day of February 2004, beginning at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at Borough Assembly Chambers, Barrow, Alaska;

That this hearing, as heretofore annexed, is a true and correct transcription of the testimony of said PUBLIC MEETING, taken by me electronically and thereafter transcribed by me;

That the hearing has been retained by me for the purpose of filing the same with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 222 West 7th Avenue, Suite 13, Anchorage, Alaska, as required by law.

That I am not a relative or employee or attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I financially interested in this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of February, 2004.

Notary Public in and for Alaska
My commission expires: 12/28/06

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